

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Telecommunications Division
Carrier Branch**

**RESOLUTION T - 17034
August 24, 2006**

R E S O L U T I O N

Resolution T- 17034, Volcano Telephone Company (U-1019-C), Requests Authority to Grandfather Foreign Exchange (FX) Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-15, Foreign Exchange Network Access, and ISDN-BRI Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-39, Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN).

By Advice Letter No. 329 filed on May 15, 2006.

Summary

This Resolution approves Volcano Telephone Company's (Volcano) request to grandfather Foreign Exchange (FX) Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-15, Foreign Exchange Network Access, and ISDN-BRI Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-39, Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN).

Background

Volcano filed Advice Letter (AL) 329 on May 15, 2006 requesting authority to grandfather Foreign Exchange (FX) Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-15, Foreign Exchange Network Access, and ISDN-BRI Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-39, Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN). In its AL, Volcano stated that there are only two customers for each of these services. On May 19, 2006, Volcano notified the two existing subscribers for each of these services of its request to the Commission to grandfather these services.

FX Service is a network-provided service in which a telephone in a given local exchange area is connected, via a private line, to a central office in another "foreign" exchange,

rather than the local exchange area's central office. FX Service allows subscribers to get their dial tone from another exchange, and to make calls in that same exchange at local rates instead of at higher toll rates.

ISDN is a network that provides end to end digital connectivity with integrated access to a wide range of services, including voice and non-voice services, through standard user-network interfaces.

Basic Rate Interface includes 2 B-Channels and 1 D-Channel. The B-Channel which is used to carry a variety of information streams such as voice or data transmission. The D-Channel which is primarily used for signaling, but can carry low speed packet data and telemetry.

Volcano proposes to grandfather the two current customers for each of these services until the customer cancels or changes their existing FX and ISDN arrangements, or moves to a new address.

Notice/Protests

Volcano states that copies of AL No. 329 have been mailed to competing and adjacent utilities and interested parties. Notice of AL No. 329 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar on May 30, 2006. No protest to this AL has been received.

Discussion

Volcano filed AL No. 329 on May 15, 2006 requesting authority to grandfather Foreign Exchange (FX) Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-15, Foreign Exchange Network Access, and ISDN-BRI Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-39, Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN). In its advice letter filing, Volcano stated that there are only two subscribers for each of these services. On March 19, 2006, Volcano sent notices to these subscribers notifying them of its request to grandfather these services. These subscribers had 15 calendar days to submit a comment and no comments to the company's notice were received.

Volcano stated that additional administration effort and costs to bill FX for Volcano's and AT & T's charges do not justify the demand for this service. There are only two subscribers for FX service. Toll rates have gone down and there are other services such

as cellular service, special access service point-to-point, toll packages from other local toll providers like AT&T and Sprint; that make the FX circuits much less economically viable.

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) is an alternative for ISDN-BRI. DSL is a very high-speed connection that uses the same wires as for a regular telephone line.

These two existing customers of each service will be grandfathered until they cancel or change their current FX service and ISDN-BRI service and/or move to a new address.

Telecommunications Division (TD) has reviewed AL No. 329 and concludes that Volcano's request and reasons to grandfather FX Service and ISDN-BRI Service are reasonable. TD recommends that the Commission approve Volcano's request.

Approval should be based on the specifics of this AL filing and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings for Commission approval of similar requests.

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code Section 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

Findings:

1. Volcano requests authority to grandfather Foreign Exchange (FX) Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-15, Foreign Exchange Network Access, and ISDN-BRI Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-39, Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN)
2. Volcano states that there are only two subscribers for each of these services.
3. Volcano states that notification via bill insert of Volcano's proposed changes was mailed to the two current subscribers for each of these services on May 19, 2006 and no comments were received from these subscribers.
4. The two subscribers who currently subscribe to the Foreign Exchange Service (FX) Service and the two subscribers who currently subscribe to the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)-Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Service will continue to receive these services until these subscribers either cancel the service or move to another location.

5. After reviewing AL No. 329, TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Volcano is granted authority to grandfather Foreign Exchange (FX) Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-15, Foreign Exchange Network Access, and ISDN-BRI Service in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.A-39, Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) to the two existing customers for each of these services until they terminate, change or transfer service.
2. AL No. 329 of Volcano Telephone Co. and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. T-17034 and its effective date.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on August 24, 2006 adopted this Resolution. The following Commissioners approved it:

/s/ STEVE LARSON

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